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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Mon, 29 Mar 1993 23:48:18 GMT
From: newsgate.watson.ibm.com!yktnews.watson.ibm.com!uri@uunet.uu.net
Subject: "Technician" class means what?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <9303282116.AA20086@ucsd.edu>,
William=E.=Newkirk%Pubs%GenAv.Mlb@ns14.cca.CR.rockwell.COM writes:
|> there is no "Technician Plus HF" license or endorsement. The commission
|> decided at the time that to issue another license would mean opening up the
|> pandora's box in their software to get another class added. There is a
|> section in there for a 6th amateur license class but it's never been used or
|> tested in production.

I believe you're wrong.

|> to upgrade from where you are, code or no code, you have to pass 13 WPM, so
|> it's not important to the examiners to know if you have 5WPM credit. hang on
|> to that certificate of successful completion -- that's the easiest way to show
|> people you have 1A credit. (for those that came in as novices, they want to
|> hang onto the novice license after upgrading to Tech for the same reason).

I think you're incorrect here: to upgrade from "No HF privileges" to
"HF Novice Privileges", a "Tech" would have to pass element 1A (5 wpm).
That's all.

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Regards,

Uri. uri@watson.ibm.com scifi!angmar!uri

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Date: Tue, 30 Mar 1993 03:48:42 GMT
From: csus.edu!netcom.com!jfh@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: ARRL living in the past? (was Re: motive ...)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

BR.SJE@forsythe.stanford.edu (Steve Eastman) wrote:

>>Your Call:

>On its way -- any day now. I passed the tech. test on Jan 30, 1993.

January 31, you mean.

>>3. What would/did motivate you to join ARRL?

>I will join when they explicitly deny any bias against gay folk.

Unlike Steve, I will join the ARRL when my license arrives, because I think
the ARRL performs valuable services. It is unfortunate, though, that the
ARRL is so regressive in its social policies. Three examples:

- 1) The ARRL has refused, according to several sources, to accept an ad for
the Lambda Amateur Radio Club, a group of gay and lesbian amateur radio
operators. I've heard different stories about what the ARRL did and
said and what LARC did and said, but the fact remains that no ad has
appeared. Has the question made it to the ARRL board, or was this
decided by the staff?
- 2) QST's attitude towards women hams seems to be somewhat condescending.
The ARRL's intentions seem to be good, but not their implementation.
- 3) The definition of "family" for a family membership comes from a

different time, not that it was ever valid. It excludes not only gay and lesbian couples and their children, but children who live with their aunts and uncles, grandparents, or other family members.

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Date: Mon, 29 Mar 93 22:28:27 GMT
From: access.usask.ca!kakwa.ucs.ualberta.ca!alberta!adec23!mark@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Boy, this can turn me off!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

bobw@col.hp.com (Bob Witte) writes:

> Unfortunately, one of the characteristics of many of the 'news' groups
> is the tendency for a minority of the individuals involved to flame
> people for fun or other unknown reasons. Its more a symptom of
> the media than of the particular topic of the news group.

True, but the reason why is because they were all beaten by their parents while they were young :-)

If you look around at groups in the news heirarchy, you will find that flaming increases as volume increases too. This is true of life in general, crime increases with crowding.

This overcrowding is happening to rec.radio.amateur.misc as we speak!
I make a statement *for* re-organization with this justification.

You will find 'rude' activities on HF in crowded sections of the band (read 14.313), by the way, but it is far easier for you to change the frequency or to another section of the bandplan, than it is for a listserver user, or rec.radio.amateur.misc reader to change to a quieter group associated with amateur radio ... (unless you want me to bore you to death in rec.radio.info :-) :-)

Ciao, 73 de VE6MGS/Mark -sk-

Date: Mon, 29 Mar 1993 14:22:19 GMT
From: nwnexus!jhgrud!eskimo!mann@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Boy, this can turn me off!

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <gganderson.31.733008903@augustana.edu>, gganderson@augustana.edu (KEVIN L. ANDERSON (7325)) writes:

> As an outsider and someone just now considering getting a ham ticket, and
> only reading this newsgroup for a short time, I can't say that reading
> the postings (I am referencing here "no code" etc) are helping to get
> excited about this hobby.

Don't let a few anal-retentive blow hards get to you. As with any group, amateur radio is made up of a lot of different personalities. You will also come across some real jerks on the air but by and large, amateurs are a pretty good bunch. The problem is that the most vocal are frequently the most obnoxious. Please don't get discouraged... just ignore the jerks.

73,
Tom KD9NL/7
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Tom "Old" Mann KD9NL/7 Kirkland, Wash.

Date: Mon, 29 Mar 1993 23:12:15 GMT
From: usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!sgiblab!a2i!davidj@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Callsign server went where?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Anyone know the current site for the callsign database server?
marvin.cs.buffalo.edu is not awake.

73
David
WA6NMF
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Josephson Engineering, San Jose California MICROPHONES
Tel/ 408-238-6062 Fax/ 408-238-6022 INSTRUMENTATION
email:david@josephson.com ftp info from: rahul.net /pub/davidj/

Date: Tue, 30 Mar 1993 02:13:01 GMT
From: ftpbox!mcdchg!att!cbnewsm!jeffj@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Contest is Okay
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Mar29.224048.24709@nntpd2.cxo.dec.com>

jepsen_st@10540.enet.dec.com (10540::jepsen_st) writes:

>>But the WPX contest has me worried... the HF phone bands are one big
>>pileup. Can't the contest organizers make some band limitations on the
>>contesters? It could be easily enforced -- have a couple of umpires
>>listening above the "contest band edge" and disqualify anyone calling
>>CQ CONTEST out of band.

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>Contesting is as valid a use of the amateur bands as rag chewing, net
>operations, etc. If it doesn't appeal to you, fine, do something else.
>If you absolutely must communicate at a particular time, use the phone.
>(if it's that important, and it's not an emergency, it shouldn't go over
>amateur radio anyway.) If you have a real emergency, there are thousands
>of stations on the air to help you (they're in the contest but they'll
>help).

I really enjoy hunting DX during the WPX and the other world wide contests.
However the bands are a shared resource and I don't believe that anyone
or group should hog the whole band during a extended period of time. They
could very easily stay in certain portions of the bands and let us non-
contesters enjoy our ragchews, nets, etc... I believe someone made a
petition to the FCC tht would enforce this, don't know what happened
to it. I do suspect that if they opened it up for public comment that
they would be flooded with support for limiting the contesters. I have
noticed some of the newer contests saying in the rules that the contest
is limited to certain parts of the bands. This seems like a reasonable
compromise. 73!

Jeff

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Jeff Jones	AB6MB		OPPOSE THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT!
jeffj@seeker.mystic.com			Canada/USA Free Trade cost Canada 400,000 jobs.
Infolinc BBS 415-778-5929			Want to guess how many we'll lose to Mexico?

Date: 29 Mar 1993 17:49:02 -0600

From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!emory!news-
feed-1.peachnet.edu!umn.edu!news.d.umn.edu!ub.d.umn.edu!not-for-
mail@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: D-C Receivers: info???

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

X-Anon-To: rec.radio.amateur.misc

Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.misc

Subject: D-C Receiver: info?

Summary: looking for recommendations

Expires:

Sender: dkohn@ub.d.umn.edu (dave kohn)
Distribution: world
Organization: University of Minnesota, Duluth
Keywords: direct conversion receiver QRP sisu Classic 40

Hi folks,

While looking through an old QST (Aug92), I saw an article (p19+) titled "High-Performance Direct-Conversion Receivers." The author (KK7B) designed & built two such receivers, naming them "Classic 40" (for 40m band) and "Sisu" (for use w/ VFO-controlled QRP transmitters.) The goal was to get the "best possible basic receiver performance." He compared their clarity and S/N ratio to a CD player.

Does anyone have any experience with either of these receivers? The \$75 kit seems not super-extremely tough to assemble, and this would be an inexpensive way for me to "test the waters" of CW..

Any advice is appreciated, either via postings or email. Thank you!

Dave Kohn dkohn@ub.d.umn.edu NOUCF/AA

Date: 29 Mar 93 19:17:38
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!agate!headwall.Stanford.EDU!nntp.Stanford.EDU!
nntp!bencze@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: My ticket arrived...6 weeks 2 days!!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I got my ticket in a little over 6 weeks; it was sitting in the mailbox this morning! Tested 2/13, arrived 3/29. I was out of town last week, so it could have even been here earlier! Effective start date 3/13/93, as printed on the license.

Now, I just need to pass my 5wpm code test... Then, I'll see you all on 40m!

-Bill, KD6TOB

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Bill Bencze bencze@isl.stanford.edu

Date: 29 Mar 93 17:18:45 EST
From: usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!darwin.sura.net!wvnmms.wvnet.edu!
un027713@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: My ticket arrived...less than 7 weeks!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

It arrived!

When I got home from work today, it was waiting for me in my mailbox. But my HT batteries are recharging :(, and I still need to tune up my 10-meter dipole :(. But it's here.

For those still waiting, I tested 2/9, and the ticket has an effective date of 3/23 - 6 weeks.

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Date: Mon, 29 Mar 93 21:29:53 GMT
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Subject: RFD: reorganization of rec.radio.amateur
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

bobw@col.hp.com (Bob Witte) writes:

>>2) rec.radio.amateur.packet needs to be renamed due to the growth of other
>> digital modes besides packet on amateur radio.
> This is less obvious to me, but I don't follow r.r.a.packet very closely.
> I just notice that this group does not 'overflow' on the big disk in the
> sky very quickly.

True, but the motive is to swoon the several mailing lists that deal in tcp/ip and other related information ... we have yet to hear anything from anyone on these lists (namely the listserver heads) to indicate one way or the other. rec.radio.amateur.digital.tcp-ip will *die* if non of the lists feel like migrating ...

>For example, one of the problems with
>the endless "no-code sucks" discussion is that various people are motivated
>to post in r.r.a.misc because its more fun that way. (Still, I think
>r.r.a.policy was a good addition for people who REALLY want to discuss,not
>just flame.)

Well, someone else that believes that rec.radio.amateur.policy is working ...

One the reorg list, we all agreed that we could never 'move' the cw wars to a dumping ground. But we are seeing the effects of those wars pushing people away from the hobby (a posting, twice a month, stating Amateurs suck) because we are showing our ugly sides. Frankly, the best way of making the cw (or no-code) wars disappear for me is to have them use a

Distribution: usa ...

However, my sentiments are, that if you split the group up, that what we will be left with is r.r.a.misc being the cw war dumping ground and the rest of the groups providing useful coverage.

>A well-functioning news group in some sense represents a community that
>shares common interests, experiences, etc. I would suggest that r.r.a.packet
>tends to work fairly well (i.e. attracts most packet-related postings)
>because of this.

Good point! and that is what was hoped would come out of the reorg list.

>>rec.radio.amateur.construction homebrewing & experimentation
> This might work because the homebrew/technoid posters will be motivated
> to leave the r.r.a.misc quagmire. Probably passes the "community" test.
> Is this really r.r.a.technical ?

Agreed! and I thought I was the only one that wanted *.tech ... :-)

>>rec.radio.amateur.emerg-services emergency services: RACES, ARES, NTS
> Is this big enough to bother with?

Nope! but we all seemed to think it would pass a 'community' test. This one really is a wish list hoping that if the group is created, traffic will follow. We have no idea, but a gut feeling from the reorg list said this could be so ... Look at misc.emerg-services ...

>>rec.radio.amateur.tech Technical discussions about Ham Radio:
>> construction, satellites, theory,
>> examinations, video, repeaters
>> [unmoderated]
>>[this replaces r.r.a.instruction, r.r.a.construction, and r.r.a.space, plus
>>taking all technical topics from r.r.a.misc]

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> This seems pretty good but r.r.a.space still deserves
> a separate spot because it represents a different "community".
perhaps ... but are you sure amsat details won't pop into this group?

> I am assuming that the space/keplerian/amsat bulletins show up
> wherever r.r.a.space content is supposed to be.
But, keep in mind that there is rec.radio.info, and with a r.r.a.tech group, one could argue (Hi Gary) that these space bulletins will find a home there instead. Time will tell on this one, but I pity the space enthusiasts that will need to look at .tech, .misc and r.r.info.

> Also, its not obvious to me that r.r.a.instruction fits in here.
I feel that it will fall in there because the people with the answers about technical issues will be there. Remember, if we see a split, the nocode debate will continue in .misc and scare all the newbies away :-)

Ciao, 73 de VE6MGS/Mark -sk-

Date: 30 Mar 93 02:16:36 GMT
From: pacbell.com!amdahl!amdahl!ikluft@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: RFD: reorganization of rec.radio.amateur
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

saswel@unx.sas.COM (Warren E. Lewis) writes:

>Not everyone has direct access to the news groups. What happens to
>the hundreds of us poor souls that only have mail access to rec.radio
>via the mail server info-hams?
>What would the reorganization buy us???

Any input from the mail list would be helpful. We've been dismayed by the lack of response from users of Info-Hams.

A reorganization of the newsgroup is badly needed. Some input on how to handle the mailing lists would be very useful. We're still in the discussion phase so send in your ideas.

There are lots of possibilities. As was done in the RFD, our discussion needs to have some caution about making recommendations - we can't commit the mailing list administrators to anything. We can come up with ideas but, ultimately, those who do the work will have the final say in it.

With that cleared up (hopefully), I can think of several options. Everyone is welcome to brainstorm and add to the list.

1) make new mail lists for each newsgroup (or most of them.)

Advantages: this would give full access to the newsgroups for all the mail list users

Disadvantages: 1) This is the most work for the mail list admins and

2) the software might not handle that many lists, depending on how many they already have at their site

2) leave it how it is.

Advantages: This amounts to no work for the mail list admins

Disadvantages: 1) This would not give mail list users full access to the discussions and 2) it would detract from the effectiveness of the split because everything posted from the Info-Hams mail list would still go to rec.radio.amateur.misc.

Any input at all would be helpful. It would be nice to know what will happen with the mail lists before we change the newsgroups.

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[disclaimer: any opinions expressed are mine only... not those of my employer]

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References <gganderson.31.733008903@augustana.edu>, <N4HY.93Mar25085736@tang.ccr-
p.ida.org>, <1993Mar25.164046.11841@bongo.tele.com>p
Subject : Re: Boy, this can turn me off!

julian@bongo.tele.com (Julian Macassey) writes:

> Heckling is one of my hobbies. I believe it helps keep public
>people honest. Judging by the current mob we have in public life, it
>looks like we could do with more heckling.

Are you saying S*** happens? These two (yours and the one I make to the left)
statements are just another set of poor excuse for being rude!

I became an executive member of a local Radio Club because I was getting
sick and tired of people heckling eachother. I figured that my 'kinder
gentler' attitude would help. Other (kinder gentler) people thought
that way too. The hecklers are gone (because we all made very poor targets)
and the club is doing things NOW that could NOT have been done with the poor
attitudes of more than a year ago.

I can see first hand that heckling (flaming) does no good and impedes
progress.

The only way to solve 'mob we have in public life' is for you to replace
them, not to heckle them! heckling them just makes them more incompetent
(spending time trying to find political, rather than logical, solutions
to a problem)!

Hmmmm, I flame therefore I should run for President! :-)

Ciao, 73 de VE6MGS/Mark -sk-
Vote for ME for Prime Minister of Canada!

Date: Mon, 29 Mar 1993 17:36:49 GMT
From: psgrain!m2xenix!clark!pacifier!mikef@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <59Bb03A3ce8o00@amdahl.uts.amdahl.com>,
<19930324.184129.81@almaden.ibm.com>,

<1993Mar25.222106.18421@gsm001.mendelson.com>:
Subject : Re: RFD: reorganization of rec.radio.amateur

In article <1993Mar25.222106.18421@gsm001.mendelson.com>
gsmlrn@gsm001.mendelson.com (Geoffrey S. Mendelson) writes:
>In article <19930324.184129.81@almaden.ibm.com> enge@almaden.ibm.com writes:
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>> 1) I get to see more copies of the same message as it is posted to
>> multiple groups.

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>to misc.forsale, m.f.computers, m.f.computers.pc, m.f.c.pc, m.f.c.workstation
>ad nauseum. It would be better just to live with it instead of having
>the same article cloned too many times.

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I'll third that. rec.radio.amateur.misc *does* have too much traffic
but unless history doesn't repeat itself (and I see no evidence
of this), we'll just see multiple postings and discussions
breaking out in "...misc" because it'll have a potentially
larger audience and, as KE4ZV says, hams are broadcasters at
heart.

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>> group. The unwanted discussions don't stop anyway.

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Yup. BEsides, I'd wager that there are a goodly number of
eccentrics on here that would post in "...misc" *because*
custom said they should post somewhere else {grin}.

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>>My vote is to leave things alone...

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>Me too.

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Me three.

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>Geoff.

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>>Roy, AA4RE

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Mike K7UIJ

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301 N.E. 107th Street		UUCP: uunet!m2xenix!nipple!pacifier!mikef
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TElephone (206)574-8221 | Pushing 40 is exercise enough!

Date: Mon, 29 Mar 1993 17:07:05 GMT
From: psgrain!m2xenix!clark!pacifier!mikef@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1oq2da\$56e@slab.mtholyoke.edu>, <C4EMAs.DGA@news.iastate.edu>,
<1orhggqINNqn4@gerald0.cc.utexas.edu>
Subject : Re: no-coders, scum of the earth

In article <1orhggqINNqn4@gerald0.cc.utexas.edu> davros@ccwf.cc.utexas.edu (Buddy Brannan) writes:

>
>I'm truly amazed at y'all.
>
>Really, is it just me that Derek's humour is wasted on? Let me translate.
>(It's not funny when you have to explain it.)
>
>Anyone ever heard of satire? I think it was very effective here. I seem to
>recall "A Modest Proposal" by Johnnathan Swift--a little satirical piece on
>the different ways that children should be prepared for fine dining (as the
>main course, not as participants.) Amazing how many people took it seriously.
>
Unfortunately, except, perhaps, on "saturday Night Live", satire
isn't politically correct anymore; one is too apt to trounce
on some group or other which fancies itself unique and/or
persecuted. Too bad; you are correct.

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We have rec.radio.swap and it WORKS (with about 5/month being mis-posted to
rec.radio.amateur.misc). Of course, there is a historical reason for this,
many gateways and transports refused to provide a service to ham-radio.misc
until a ham-radio.swap group was created. I am not sure if they will pull
their services today if too many swap items ended up in .misc, but there is
that 'fear' ...

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Look at all the for-profit postings in rec.radio.amateur.misc can you
not believe that a co-operative anarchy can work?

I'll lay odds that .space, .tech, .swap, .digital.misc and .digital.tcp-ip
will have little overlap ... and what is bad about overlap! it's certainly
not worse than sitting down once every couple of days to weed through >250
articles in one group with more than 2000 different individuals posting (see
Hams on USENET List). Sort of like when my kid comes to me telling me all
this cool stuff he learned today only to watch my head explode!

Ciao, 73 de VE6MGS/Mark -sk-

End of Info-Hams Digest V93 #391
